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## LAPD Officer Charged With Murder For Drunken Driving Crash That Killed Three People

An off-duty Los Angeles police officer has been charged for the DUI deaths of three family members who were killed last September when he allegedly crashed into their car, causing it to erupt in flames, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Edgar Verduzco (dob 10/27/90) was charged in case BA467321 with three counts each of murder and vehicular manslaughter, and one count each of driving under the influence and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury. The case was filed for warrant on April 18.

The defendant is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Kaveh Faturechi of the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

On Sept. 26, 2017, Verduzco is accused of driving at a high rate of speed on the 605 Freeway and striking two vehicles. One of the cars hit a center divider and burst into flames, killing Mario Davila, 60, Maribel Davila, 52, and their 19-year-old son, Oscar Davila. The occupants in the other vehicle suffered minor injuries.

If convicted as charged, Verduzco faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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